(b) The workshop has already become operational. Present level of outturn is 50 units of coaches per month. It is planned to increase the level of outturn to 150 units by 1995. The workshop is likely to achieve its planned outturn capacity of 200 units per month in the Ninth Plan period.

Yellow card holder teachers in Kendriya Vidyalayas of North-East region

900. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a group of teachers working in different Kendriya Vidyalayas of North East Region, collectively called, "Yellow Card Holders";

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons for this peculiar nomenclature;

(c) what are the details of facilities they are being deprived of due to their uncommon nomenclature and status;

(d) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Sangathan to bring them into the mainstream; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is not aware of any such group.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Felicitations of Students, teachers and officers of Kendriya Vidyalaya

901. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a host of students, teachers and officers etc. of Kendriya Vidyalaya have recently been felicitated/honoured in connection with the Silver Jubilee celebration of KVS;

(b) if so, what are the criteria of selecting these persons; and

(c) what are the details and bases of selection of those felicitated in Agra, Bhopal, Bhubaneshwar and Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) On the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of the setting up of Kendriya Vidyalayas, the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has honoured the following:—

(1) Two former officers of Kendria Vidyalaya Sangathan who have been awarded 'Padmashree'.

(2) Eminent teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas.

(3) Former students of Kendriya Vidyalayas who have attained prominent positions in various walks of life.

(4) Four teachers who secured the first two positions in the Essay competition in English and Hindi on "25 years of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan—a critical appraisal" of "Contribution of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan towards Academic Excellence and National Integration".

In addition to the above, employees of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan who joined Sangathan in 1963 and retired in 1988 or are still continuing have also been felicitated.

The criteria for selection of eminent teachers were as follows:—

(i) Minimum of 10 years or service in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

(ii) Good record of service.

(iii) Significant contributions in the field of education.

(iv) Good reputation in the Vidyalaya and the community.

(c) A maximum of 10 eminent teachers and 6 students were required to be felicitated in each region. The criteria for selection indicated above were followed by all the Regional offices.

Holding of Co-curricular Activities by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

902. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some co-curricular and extra-curricular activities are organised in Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the performance of students in different competitions is at a very low key; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) Each Kendriya Vidyalaya prepares an annual plan in the areas such as art, science, culture, literary activities, games and sports, scouting and guiding and other adventure activities like mountaineering, trekking and rock-climbing with a view to ensure multi-dimensional development of children's personality and carried out the same effectively. These programmes are reviewed periodically. In addition, programmes like debates, election contents, Youth Parliament competitions, exhibitions, etc. are also arranged by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Headquarters as well as Regional Offices to provide to fillup to such activities.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Engaging of Senior Advocates by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

903. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what norms have been fixed for engaging senior advocates to plead cases of Kendriya Vidyalayas in High Courts and the Supreme Court of India; and

(b) who is the competent authority for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) The advocates engaged by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for pleading its cases are paid fees in accordance with the rates fixed by the Government for the purpose. However, in case where the services of senior Advocates are required, the fee is decided on the merits of the case keeping in view the stature of the Advocate.

(b) According to the Education Code for Kendriya Vidyalayas, the Commissioner Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is the competent authority to approve payment of fees as per scales laid down for Government departments.